

House Resolution 259

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Watson of the 91st, Stephenson of the 92nd, Mosby of the 90th, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. James "Red" Moore and inviting him to appear before the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, more than 60 years ago, Mr. James "Red" Moore of Atlanta was one of the
4 shining stars of the Negro baseball leagues, gaining renown as one of the leagues' most gifted
5 first basemen; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to the integration of major league baseball in 1948, the Negro National
7 League and the Negro American League showcased many of the most talented baseball
8 players in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore first began playing with "semipro" baseball squads at age 13 before
10 being discovered by the then minor league Atlanta Black Crackers in 1934; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1936, he joined the Negro National League's Newark Eagles, becoming part
12 of the team's "million dollar infield," and in 1938 he played with the Atlanta Black Crackers
13 as a major league team; and

14 WHEREAS, while Mr. Moore was with the Crackers, the team won the Negro American
15 League's second-half championship, and he was named to its all-star team; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore played with the Baltimore Elite Giants before leaving major league
17 baseball to serve his country as a member of the United States military during World War
18 II; and

19 WHEREAS, during his athletic career, Mr. Moore gained a reputation for his defensive grace
20 and has been called the "most perfect" first baseman of all time; and

1 WHEREAS, the DeKalb History Center has recently launched an exhibition of the
2 memorabilia of Mr. Moore, believed to be the only living Negro leagues player in Georgia;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore continues to share his story with today's youth, serving as an
5 outstanding role model for all of Georgia's athletes.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join in commending Mr. James "Red" Moore on his extraordinary
8 contributions to the history of baseball.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. James "Red" Moore is invited to appear before the
10 House of Representatives for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an
11 appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.